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# Hundreds rally at US Supreme Court to protest new state abortion bans

The D.C. rally was one of several held throughout the country.

Abortion-rights campaigners, including Democrats seeking their party's 2020 presidential nomination, rallied at the U.S. Supreme Court on Tuesday to protest new restrictions on abortion passed by Republican-dominated legislatures in eight states.

Many of the restrictions are intended to draw legal challenges, which religious conservatives hope will lead the nation's top court to overturn the 1973 *Roe v. Wade* decision that established a woman's right to terminate her pregnancy.

"We are not going to allow them to move our country backward," U.S. Sen. Amy Klobuchar, one of the two dozen Democrats running for president, told the crowd through a megaphone.

Another candidate, New Jersey Sen. Cory



Rep. Ayanna Pressley (D-MA) speaks at a pro-choice rally at the Supreme Court on May 21, 2019, in Washington, D.C. GETTY IMAGES

Booker, urged the crowd to "wake up more men to join this fight."

The rally was one of scores scheduled for Tuesday around the country by the American Civil Liberties Union, NARAL Pro-Choice America, Planned Parenthood Action Fund and other abortion-rights

groups. The protests are a response to laws passed recently by Republican state legislatures that amount to the tightest restrictions on abortion in the United States in decades.

Alabama passed an outright ban last week, including for pregnancies resulting from rape or incest, unless the woman's life is in danger. Other states, including Ohio and Georgia, have banned abortions absent a medical emergency after six weeks of pregnancy or after the fetus's heartbeat can be detected, which can occur before a woman even realizes she is pregnant.

Protesters outside the Supreme Court waved signs saying, "We won't be punished" and "Protect safe, legal abortion"

and were joined by South Bend, Indiana, Mayor Pete Buttigieg.

"My entire campaign is about freedom," he said in a brief interview.

President Donald Trump has seized on the issue as one likely to fire up his core supporters, although he considers the Alabama ban too restrictive because it does not make exceptions for incest and rape.

Sen. Kirsten Gillibrand, another Democratic 2020 candidate, blamed what she called "outrageous bans" on Trump.

"This is the beginning of President Trump's war on women," she told the rally. "If he wants his war, he will have his war, and he will lose."

The restrictive new

laws are contrary to the *Roe v. Wade* ruling, which affords a woman the right to an abortion up to the moment the fetus would be viable outside the womb, which is usually placed at about seven months, or 28 weeks, but may occur earlier.

The bans have been

championed by conservatives, many of them Christian, who say fetuses should have rights comparable to those of infants and view abortion as tantamount to murder. The Supreme Court now has a 5-4 conservative majority following two appointments by Trump. REUTERS



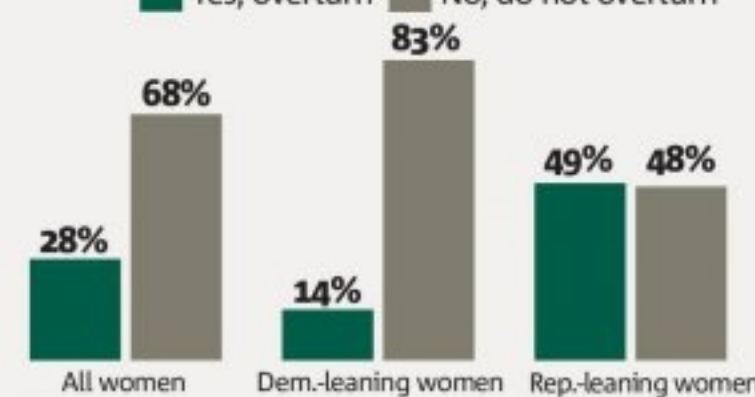
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## Majority of American women still support *Roe v. Wade* decision

"Would you like to see the Supreme Court overturn its *Roe v. Wade* decision or not?"

Yes, overturn No, do not overturn



## Apple expands keyboard repairs to newer MacBooks

Apple Inc. said on Tuesday it will repair typing-related problems in "butterfly" keyboards for an expanded set of laptops that include newer versions of MacBook, MacBook Air and MacBook Pro models. The repairs would include fixing letters or characters that repeat unexpectedly, fail to appear, or keys that



feel "sticky" and do not respond in a consistent manner, Apple said in a post. The company has come under criticism on social media and Apple-centric blogs and websites for the issues related to its keyboard. Last June, the company said it would repair keyboards on some models, and the announcement on Tuesday expanded the models to include more recent ones. REUTERS

## Kenney cruises to victory in Tuesday's primary election

Incumbent Mayor Jim Kenney, who took office in 2016, cruised to an easy victory in Tuesday's Pennsylvania primary election for Philadelphia mayor. Kenney's key accomplishments during his current term include the sugary beverage tax and establishing a local board of governance for the Philadelphia School District. He defeated former City Controller Alan Butkowitz and state Sen. Anthony Hardy

Williams in the primary. Kenney was declared the winner with about 28 percent of precincts reporting results; Kenney gathered 65 percent of the votes, easily outdistancing Butkowitz and Williams. Republican Billy Ciancaglini ran as an unopposed Republican, and secured his party's nomination. Both Kenney and Ciancaglini will face off in the general election on Nov. 5, 2019.

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## NEWS



A tornado spins during stormy weather in Mangum, Oklahoma.

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## Dozens rescued from Oklahoma floods as storms swamp central US

Only car tops were visible on roadways near OKC.

Dozens of people were rescued from rising waters and felled trees that smashed homes and blocked roadways in Oklahoma, as severe storms generating tornadoes and heavy rain roared through central United States on Tuesday.

Rescue crews in boats pulled at least 50 people from floodwaters as heavy downpours inundated roads and homes, said Oklahoma Emergency Management Agency spokeswoman Keli Cain. There were no immediate reports of serious injuries, she said.

Only the tops of cars engulfed by water were visible on roadways near Oklahoma City, and some houses were entirely surrounded by floods, video footage of the location showed.

"It's real dangerous," said Ross Reuter, a spokesman for Canadian

County, where 10 people were rescued. "Motorists get out into the swift water, thinking they can get across and it ends up being deeper than they think."

Parts of the state have received 6 to 8 inches (15-20 cm) of rain since Monday, and some 4 million people remained under a flash flood warning or watch in the region, the National Weather Service said.

A twister that touched down early on Tuesday near Tulsa International Airport was among more than two dozen that have ripped through the region since Monday, according to the NWS.

"We have lots of reports of damage coming in. There is a lot of tree damage. Very large trees have been uprooted that are blocking roads and that have landed on houses," said Sarah Corfidi, an NWS meteorologist.

The NWS said 22 million people were in the path of the severe

weather system that was expected to move across Texas and Louisiana, into Alabama and as far north as Iowa and Nebraska all day and into the night on Tuesday.

**"The whole area is in the bull's-eye, with more rounds of severe storms possible."**

NWS forecaster

On Monday, the NWS said the risk of tornadoes in the region was higher than at any time in years.

A new storm system was brewing and could hit the same southern states later this week.

"The whole area is in the bull's-eye, with more rounds of severe storms possible," the forecaster said. REUTERS

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The TuSimple self-driving truck is pictured in this handout photo.

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# Self-driving trucks begin mail delivery test for US Postal Service

A successful run may help solve driver shortage issues.

The U.S. Postal Service on Tuesday started a two-week test transporting mail across three Southwestern states using self-driving trucks, a step forward in the effort to commercialize autonomous vehicle technology for hauling freight.

San Diego-based startup TuSimple said its self-driving trucks will begin hauling mail between USPS facilities in Phoenix and Dallas to see how the nascent technology might improve delivery times and costs. A safety driver will sit behind the wheel to intervene if necessary and an engineer will ride in the passenger seat.

If successful, it would mark an achievement for the autonomous driving industry and a possible solution to the driver shortage and regulatory constraints faced by freight haulers across the country.

The pilot program involves five round trips, each totaling more than 2,100 miles or around 45 hours of driving. It is unclear whether self-driving mail delivery will continue after the two-week pilot.

"The work with TuSimple is our first initiative in autonomous long-haul transportation," USPS spokeswoman Kim Frum said. "We are conducting research and testing as part of our efforts to operate a future class of vehicles which will incorporate new technology."

TuSimple and the USPS declined to disclose the cost of the program, but Frum said no tax dollars were used and the agency relies

on revenue from sales of postage and other products. TuSimple has raised \$178 million in private financing, including from chip-maker Nvidia Corp. and Chinese online-media company Sina Corp.

The trucks will travel on major interstates and pass through Arizona, New Mexico and Texas.

**"This run is really in the sweet spot of how we believe autonomous trucks will be used."**

Chuck Price, TuSimple chief product officer

"This run is really in the sweet spot of how we believe autonomous trucks will be used," said TuSimple Chief Product Officer Chuck Price. "These long runs are beyond the range of a single human driver, which means today if they do this run, they have to figure out how to cover it with multiple drivers in the vehicle."

The goal is to eliminate the need for a driver, freeing shippers and freight-haulers from the constraints of a worsening driver shortage. The American Trucking Association estimates a shortage of as many as 174,500 drivers by 2024, due to an aging workforce and the difficulty of attracting younger drivers.

A new safety law requiring truck drivers to electronically log their miles has further constrained how quickly and efficiently fleets can move goods. REUTERS

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# Unarmed special needs man shot by Philly cop

The plainclothes detective reportedly shot the panhandler as he held out his hand for change.



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A man whose family says has special needs was shot on a Kensington street Monday night by a plainclothes Philadelphia police detective who believed the victim to be armed.

The victim, 28-year-old Joel Johnson, reportedly approached the detective's vehicle while panhandling on the 3400 block of G Street just before 9 p.m. The detective, who has not been named, shot at Johnson as he asked for change. Police said the officer thought he saw a gun in Johnson's hand, according to CBS Philly, and fired off three rounds. Johnson was struck once, in the torso. Police later confirmed that Johnson did not have a firearm.

one. So I'm not going to sit here and tell you that we haven't found one, we don't expect to find one."

Police Capt. Sekou Kinebrew told local media the officer thought he was going to be robbed.

Johnson was listed in critical but stable condition at Temple University hospital as of Tuesday. Now, his family want answers.

"My little brother came up to the police car, asking for change, for a quarter ... and the officer was on his phone and he said he reacted, he got nervous, pulled out his weapon and just started shooting through the window," the victim's brother, Hector Tirado, told CBS.

Supporters of Johnson left a cross-shaped sign at the scene of the shooting. It read, "Beautiful human ... sorry some didn't understand your struggle and mistaken your pain of being homeless as a threat. P.S. It's not a crime to be homeless. The system has failed him ..."

**"It's not automatically an issue of whether there's a weapon or not. But I'm always going to be very candid with you when I know there's not one. So I'm not going to sit here and tell you that we haven't found one, we don't expect to find one."**

Philly Police Commissioner Richard Ross

"It's not automatically an issue of whether there's a weapon or not," Philly Police Commissioner Richard Ross told ABC. "I know for some people they think that's the way it should be. Obviously, it's the first thing we look for. But I'm always going to be very candid with you when I know there's not

The detective who shot Johnson has been on the force for seven years, and was on-duty and waiting at a red light when the shooting occurred. Investigators plan to review surveillance video of the shooting. The detective has been put on desk duty as the investigation continues.

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## Police: Two young children missing in North Philadelphia

Anyone with information on Zy'ree & Zahiyyah whereabouts is asked to please contact Northwest Detective Division.



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Zy'ree Alexander, 2 months old, and Zahiyyah Alexander, 10 years old. PHILADELPHIA POLICE

Philadelphia police are looking for two children, ages 10 and just 2 months, who have been missing since Monday morning.

Zy'ree Alexander, 2 months old, and Zahiyyah Alexander, 10 years old, were last seen at on May 20 on the 2700 block of North Darien Street.

Zy'ree is a foot tall and weighs 20 pounds. He has a thin build, dark brown complexion, brown eyes and black hair and was last seen wearing onesie with cars and trucks printed on it, grey hat and blue blan-

ket, police said.

Zahiyah is 4 feet tall and weighs 40 pounds with a thin build, medium brown complexion, brown eyes and black hair braided below shoulder and was last seen wearing blue tights, T-shirt with rainbows and black flip-flops, police said.

The children were last seen with their mother, 30-year-old Shynisha Alexander, who took her children from DHS custody at the

placement house on the 2800 block of West Allegheny Avenue, and allegedly left them with a relative at a home on the 2700 block of Darrien Street on May 18.

Around 6 a.m. Monday, Alexander allegedly picked up the children, and have not been seen since.

Anyone with information on the children's whereabouts is urged to contact Northwest Detective Division at 215-686-3352 or call 911.

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# AOC for opening Trump impeachment inquiry

U.S. Rep. Alexandria Ocasio-Cortez said on Tuesday it is time for Democratic leaders to allow an impeachment process to start against President Donald Trump, saying the administration's obstruction of lawmakers' oversight efforts gives them no choice.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi has so far resisted calls for Democrats to launch impeachment proceedings, instead backing continued investigations of Trump and his administration by numerous congressional panels instead.

But more Democrats are openly discussing it, and liberals like Ocasio-Cortez, a leader of the progressive left since she beat an established Democrat in a surprise primary upset last year, are stepping up the pressure.

"I think it's time for



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us to, at the very least, open an impeachment inquiry. ... We've been given no choice, I think, in this scenario," Ocasio-Cortez said outside the House of Representatives.

She said the Mueller report on Russian meddling in the 2016 campaign had described evidence of obstruction of the investigation by the executive branch, adding that the report had pointed directly to Congress as the body to take action.

The report by Special

Counsel Robert Mueller stopped short of declaring that the president obstructed justice, but it also did not exonerate him.

"We now have the president actively discouraging witnesses from coming in to answer a legally binding subpoena from Congress," Ocasio-Cortez added. Former White House Counsel Don McGahn on Tuesday defied a subpoena from the House Judiciary Committee, at the White House's request.

"It's getting to the point where we can't even do our own jobs. And I think it is entirely appropriate, given this overwhelming amount of evidence and the continued actions from the executive branch, that we exert our power as a co-equal branch of government," Ocasio-Cortez said. REUTERS



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# House Democrats subpoena more Trump ex-aides after latest rebuff

Former Trump aide Hope Hicks is the latest to be subpoenaed.

A congressional committee chairman issued subpoenas to two more former White House aides hours after being spurned by White House Counsel Donald McGahn at a hearing on Tuesday, while Democratic lawmakers negotiated for testimony by Special Counsel Robert Mueller and debated impeaching President Donald Trump.

Heeding Trump's instructions to ignore a subpoena from the Democratic-led House of Representatives Judiciary Committee, McGahn failed to show up for scheduled testimony before the panel on Thursday morning.

Undeterred in a growing conflict with Trump

over congressional powers to oversee his administration, committee Chairman Jerrold Nadler announced he had issued fresh subpoenas to former White House Communications Director Hope Hicks and Annie Donaldson, the former chief of staff to McGahn.

The subpoenas seek testimony and documents in connection with the committee's probe into whether Trump obstructed Mueller's investigation into Russian interference in the 2016 U.S. election.

Despite McGahn's no-show, the committee held a hearing lasting about a half-hour that featured an empty chair at the witness table. Nadler said at the hearing, "Let me be clear: This committee will hear Mr. McGahn's testimony, even if we have to go to court to secure it."

Attorney General Wil-



House Judiciary Committee Chairman Jerrold Nadler (D-NY) arrives at a House Judiciary Committee hearing. REUTERS

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Rep. Jerrold Nadler, House Judiciary Committee chairman

liam Barr, the top U.S. law enforcement official and a Trump appointee, on May 2 snubbed the same committee, which later voted

to hold him in contempt of Congress for not handing over a full, unredacted Mueller report.

At the hearing skipped

by Barr, an empty chair also figured prominently and a Democratic committee member placed a ceramic chicken on the table in front of it for the cameras. The ceramic chicken did not make a repeat appearance on Tuesday.

After the hearing where McGahn was a no-show, several Democrats said the Judiciary Committee was negotiating with Mueller about his possible testimony. A redacted version of Mueller's report was released by Barr last month.

"We are working with his team on that right now. I can't tell you for sure if he's going to come," said Debbie Mucarsel-Powell, a Democratic member of the committee.

Republicans derided Tuesday's session as a political stunt and an abuse of the hearing process. "This is becoming a regu-

lar event. It's called the circus of Judiciary," the panel's top Republican, Rep. Doug Collins, said after the hearing.

In the early days of Trump's presidency, few aides had more frequent access to him than Hicks, a former model and public relations consultant that Trump hired into the White House from his daughter Ivanka Trump's staff. She rose to the position of communications director, but resigned from the White House in March 2018.

Trump, seeking reelection in 2020, is refusing to cooperate with many probes into his administration, his family and his business interests. The White House on Monday told McGahn, who left his post in October, to disregard the Judiciary Committee's subpoena. REUTERS

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Oliver, 43, a well-known figure in Britain and beyond for his popular TV shows and top-selling cookery books, founded his Jamie's Italian brand of high-street restaurants in 2008.

"I am deeply saddened by this outcome and would like to thank all of the staff and our suppliers who have put their hearts and souls into this business for over a decade," he said.

There will be about 1,000 redundancies as 22 of 25 branches closed immediately, administrators KPMG said. The group employs around 1,300 people in total.

Alin Ciocan, 28, was preparing to start his



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shift at London Victoria's branch of Jamie's Italian when he heard that the branch would not be opening and he had lost his job.

"I didn't believe it at first," he said, adding he was unsure if he would stay in the sector.

"I really, really enjoy serving people, but it's a strange time at the moment, and all the casual dining and high-street restaurants are in decline."

Oliver's chain is the latest victim of a brutal trading environment on Britain's high streets.

In March, Boparan Restaurant Group (BRG) said it planned to close

more than a third of its Giraffe and Ed's Easy Diner outlets, while Carlucio's, Prezzo, Strada and Gourmet Burger Kitchen closed branches in 2018.

Changing customer habits have seen a rise in appetite for takeaway apps such as Just Eat and Deliveroo and favoring faster food service over high-street staples such as Jamie's.

There were almost 5 million fewer trips to full-service restaurants in the 12 weeks to March 24, compared with a year earlier, data from Kantar showed. Sales in such restaurants declined by 6 percent in the year to March 24.

"The current trading environment for companies across the casual dining sector is as tough as I've ever seen," joint administrator Will Wright, partner at KPMG, said of Oliver's chain, adding that an attempt to bring in extra investment had failed. REUTERS



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## LIFESTYLE

Chef Alex Garfinkel's Balboa Catering is hosting a monthly supper club to benefit the restoration of the Historic Headhouse Square Shambles.



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Isn't it great when you can eat delicious food, soak in a colorful atmosphere and listen to incredible live music all while benefiting a good cause? Chef Alex Garfinkel's Balboa Catering is giving every Philadelphian that exact opportunity and will be hosting a monthly supper club to benefit the Historic Headhouse Square Shambles starting this week — specifically, tonight, May 22. Tonight marks the first edition of

this delicious event and everyone is invited out to join in on all of the fun while also supporting the restoration of a historic landmark in the City of Brotherly Love.

The monthly supper club is a partnership between Balboa Catering and the South Street Headhouse District, and according to the official release, tonight's event is the first in a series of collaborative fundraising dinners featuring cuisine from Chef Garfinkel and local top chefs, as well as live music, locally-produced craft beer and distilled spirits, and other products from local artisans and purveyors. Garfinkel, who works alongside his wife Jocelyn, will unveil the remainder of the events later this spring, all of which will raise funds for the continued restoration of the Shambles.

Every supper club will feature five enticing courses sticking to that evening's theme, a



Philadelphians will dine in Headhouse Square for the monthly supper club. AVERSA PR

partnering alcohol and impressive live music. The best part? Every indulgently delicious dinner service will be served outside, right underneath Headhouse market.

Tonight's supper club is titled "Soft Shells, IPAs and Chardonnays," and will feature enticing cuisine from Fishtown hot spot Aether's chef, Chris Boyce, plus guest speaker and beer expert Tara Nurin, live music from Kenn Kweder, and

wine expert Silvio Lelli from Nationwide Wine & Spirits.

Tonight's menu features a spiced carrot and yuzu shooter (with lemon thyme oil); hamachi crudo (with cucumber chili broth, radish, PA grain tuille, purslane and cucumber flowers); "hidden spring treasures" (with mixed legumes, spring onions, lemon balm curd and pistachio granola); a soft-shell crab (with Thai green curry, fried alli-

ums, herb salad and langoustine oil); crispy lamb belly (with grilled baby carrots, burnt lavender and shallot soubise, wild PA mushrooms and lamb jus); and, to finish off on a sweet note, a rhubarb red velvet cake (with candied shaved rhubarb, Birchrun Hills Farms white chocolate yogurt sauce and strawberry milk "rocks").

James Beard Award-nominated restaurateur Ellen Yin will also be donating bread for the

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event, and everything involved in the meal features products sourced from vendors involved with the market. Yin and her enticing culinary creations will also be featured in a future supper club later this summer along with chefs from Lacroix Restaurant at The Rittenhouse, Oyster House and Hearthside.

If you can't make dinner tonight, don't sweat it: There will be a few more running until September. Keep checking the website for announcements and further details.

To learn more about Chef Alex and Jocelyn Garfinkel and their Balboa Catering, visit [BalboaCatering.com](http://BalboaCatering.com). Tickets (\$95) can be purchased on the site.

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# Putting on 'the mask'

Allison Williams discusses her role in Netflix's latest psychological thriller, "The Perfection."



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Psychological thrillers have always transcended boundaries, taken risks and ultimately strived to completely surprise audiences. Some films take the risks and twists seriously, some lack the luster— "The Perfection" is certainly not the latter. Netflix's newest horror masterpiece starring Allison Williams is certainly one for the books. Audiences already go into this genre knowing that nothing is quite what it seems, however, "The Perfection" truly masters hiding the intentions of the plot and characters up until the very last scene. Williams sat down with Metro to talk about the thrilling

film, delve into why the story is so compelling and overall discuss why viewers gravitate towards chaotic storylines.

"The Perfection" dives into the world of professional cellists and their ultimate strive for perfection that leads them to do... questionable things. Taking on the role of Charlotte, a once-promising musical prodigy who had to leave her illustrious career behind to look after her ailing mother took full-time preparation for Williams, both emotionally and technically. "I played the piano when I was younger so I had a familiarity with music in general, but I never, other than for an episode of 'Girls' had to play a string instrument. It was so much more challenging than I could even imagine. We didn't have a ton of time for it but we had to learn the songs and actually look like we were really good at playing them, that was the biggest piece of the preparation," says Wil-



liams. "Also big, honestly, was working through the script and nailing down every detail and just finding clarity on every point because the movie moves in such an unchronological way and because the point of view changes so many times. What the audience knows as true or is supposed to believe shifts throughout time."

Having the audience believe one thing and then changing their mind the next scene can prove to be difficult when portraying a character. "It's a real challenge for an actor to try to make sure what the audience needs to see at any given moment will also ring true when they do know everything or if they see it again," says

Williams. But putting on a "mask" or even hiding the true intentions of Charlotte isn't the most far off point of the plot. "In this movie, in particular, it was very fun meeting the person that Charlotte wanted us to think she was and then see the person who she is more at her core."

The most compelling parts about psychologi-

cal and horror thrillers aren't even the outlandish actions or unbelievable circumstances (which this film exemplifies in many scenes), it's more so the points in the story that are quite extreme at the surface, but almost ring true to everyday life. Throughout the film, viewers begin to realize that what appears on the surface for the characters isn't exactly what is brewing underneath, and then some. "It's obviously heightened for this movie and this genre, but I would say that most human beings are like that, there are very few people who are 100% consistent across every circumstance. I think all characters have that layering, that mask wearing moment— it's just not every script gives you the room to do it."

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normally deemed impossible—perfection. “Music is an artistic and creative endeavor, and yes, these girls have been trained in a way where perfection is possible. Not only that, it’s meant to be the chief goal, it’s obtainable and it’s expected of them,” says Williams. “The thing that turns it on its head is the idea that music is an expression and an emotional state. So I was always fascinated that this academy that is so renowned is also removing the freedom of being a musician and being able to express yourself in a way that is so genuinely emotional because you’re always worried about being perfect. I think that’s something a lot of people can relate to in many different ways no matter what field they are in and no matter what they do in their lives.”

“The Perfection” shows just how extreme the human spirit can be and also shows the desperation of its characters. William’s Charlotte certainly displays her own acts of despair, which in her world was the only option. “You see the emotional and psychological

turmoil that she experiences in the movie, you see the evidence of it. But you also see someone who is left with a single mis-

**“It’s a real challenge for an actor to try to make sure what the audience needs to see at any given moment will also ring true when they do know everything or if they see it again.”**

Allison Williams

sion in her life and comes up with a very, I’ll say, unique way of executing it—it makes sense with the logic she is using.”

“The Perfection” is

not for the faint of heart, or even for those with a weak stomach. The film challenges what we all believe to be “true” and even heightens what is a fact with all of us—that nothing is ever really as it seems.

“Within the genre of psychological thrillers, this type of power dynamic can be dealt with in a way that we aren’t accustomed to, thus it changes the type of conversations we are having. Especially if you get stuck in this groove and the story comes in and changes it, I think people find that appealing,” says Williams. “People go into psychological thrillers knowing that there might be twists and turns and nothing will be as it seems and they’re not going to know what’s coming, but also knowing that maybe they’ll have the opportunity afterward to think and talk about it and engage with the subject matter they aren’t used to talking about and putting it in a whole new context, which is often refreshing, and necessary.”

“The Perfection” drops on Netflix on May 24th.

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# Lamb of God on 15 years of their breakthrough album, 'Ashes of the Wake'

We spoke with guitarist and co-songwriter Mark Morton about the album that changed everything for the metal greats.



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The early 2000s were a strange time. Now that time has provided a little bit of blasting distance, it seems like an era that so many people would like to forget is getting a bit of resurgence of the reigning fashion and musical trends of the day. As we are seeing aspects of that time making a comeback like boy bands and JNCO jeans, it's also refreshing to be reminded of anniversaries of artists who released some of their best work during that culturally vacant stretch after the Y2K hysteria.

If you were a fan of popular heavy music in 2004, you know it was the heyday of Nu-Metal. But in 2004 we also saw the release of another landmark record by a metal band that has only grown in size as well as critical praise during that time period. It has now been 15 years since Virginia's thrash-meets-hardcore band Lamb of God has released their crushing fourth album, "Ashes of the Wake," on Epic Records, and since then it has only grown more influential and cemented

the band as one of the genre's true torchbearers.

"Looking back, I remember feeling like we were a part of something that was on the up," remembers guitarist and co-songwriter Mark Morton of being somewhat removed from the rap-metal of the day. "It goes down in history as being called 'the new wave of American heavy metal.' We didn't call it that. We knew by that point that we were a part of something. A scene that was kind of cobbled together by the sort of melding of hardcore and thrash metal bands that started buzzing on its own and the labels sort of tapped into that. But in terms of it displacing anything that was going on, that never really occurred to me, that we were going to knock somebody off the block or rival some other style of music of the day. Because to me, it was all so thriving that a band

like us or bands like us were finding themselves on major labels. I remember thinking that it was an amazing opportunity for us to get that sort of level of recognition for that moment and being of the mindset that it was going to be a quick hit and to enjoy this moment while it's here because we're not going to last very long. It turned out to be a different story. I don't think even at that point I had any kind of idea that it would be so long-lived, and that 15 years later we would still be on Epic Records and still have the kind of fan base and visibility that we have."

The band will be hitting the road for the 15th anniversary of the album, but as Morton revisits it, he feels that even though the record is as strong as it is, the nostalgia might be a factor for many people's love of it.

"For a lot of people, that was their first ex-

posure to us as a band, or maybe even for that scene," says Morton. "It did get a big push. 'Laid to Rest' was all over MTV, we were on magazines and stuff. It was a big jump in exposure for the band. We were on Ozzfest. I think anytime that you're first exposed to a band, that record is your favorite record by that band. That has a lot of staying power, and I think for a lot of our fan base, that was the first time they heard us. Music is really powerful. When you listen to something that was a big part of your life at a point in time and you can almost go back there, that's a really powerful thing. At least it is to me, and I'm sure it is for a lot of people."

So what does Morton see as the band's influence on this generation of metal fans?

"I don't know if I see it that much," Morton laughs. "I've thought about this before: 'How come no one comes out and sounds just like we do?' Obviously, we've had great success! But there's no straight-up copycat band. Is there a band that has come out and sounded just like Lamb of God and used that exact model? I don't think that there is. I'm kind of baffled. Somebody probably should. Listen, kids, it worked!"

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The activities and classes are open to all ages and fitness levels. The afternoon kicks off with participatory workshops that will put you front and center at the circus, including acrobatics, tight-wire walking and juggling. If participating in classes from under the big top isn't your jam, there are plenty of other exciting workshops to choose from including hip-hop, contemporary and vintage dance styles, yoga and more. The best part? All of the classes are free of charge, presented by some of Philadelphia's finest artists and with a gorgeous view overlooking the Delaware River at Penn Treaty Park. Workshops will be held by Almanac, Hip Hop



Fundamentals, Funicular Wire Walkers, MoDa Movement and more.

There will also be a plethora of food trucks on-site providing tasty treats, and vendors will also be on hand with information about healthy living. Also, be on the lookout for special short-form performances presented by Fishtown- and Kensington-based community arts groups.

When the evening hits, guests are in for a treat. Once the lights turn on, guests will be invited out to bring blankets and picnics for an evening of world-class performances of contemporary circus and dance. According to the official release, the evening will culminate with a special performance of festival presenter Almanac Dance Circus Theatre's "Comunitas: 5 Years Later," a breathtaking piece of acrobatic storytelling accompanied by live music from Ill-Doots drummer Jordan McCree. The per-

formance will showcase what the essence of the festival is: the celebration of human freedom and the utilization of cherished public spaces with that movement.

"Our work has allowed us to travel to places where we've seen how other cultures engage with creative movement in their public spaces. We wanted to bring that here and allow our local community to experience it," says Almanac co-founder and Artistic Director Ben Grinberg in a release. "This festival is a homecoming for us. This festival is an opportunity to challenge the notion that creative arts aren't athletic, that public spaces must inhibit our desires to move, create, and connect, and that 'fitness culture' is the property of an economic elite. We're so excited to offer the opportunity for community members to try something new in a positive, low-stakes environment, and to share

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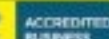
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James Holzhauer is dominating on the game show after dominating sportsbooks.



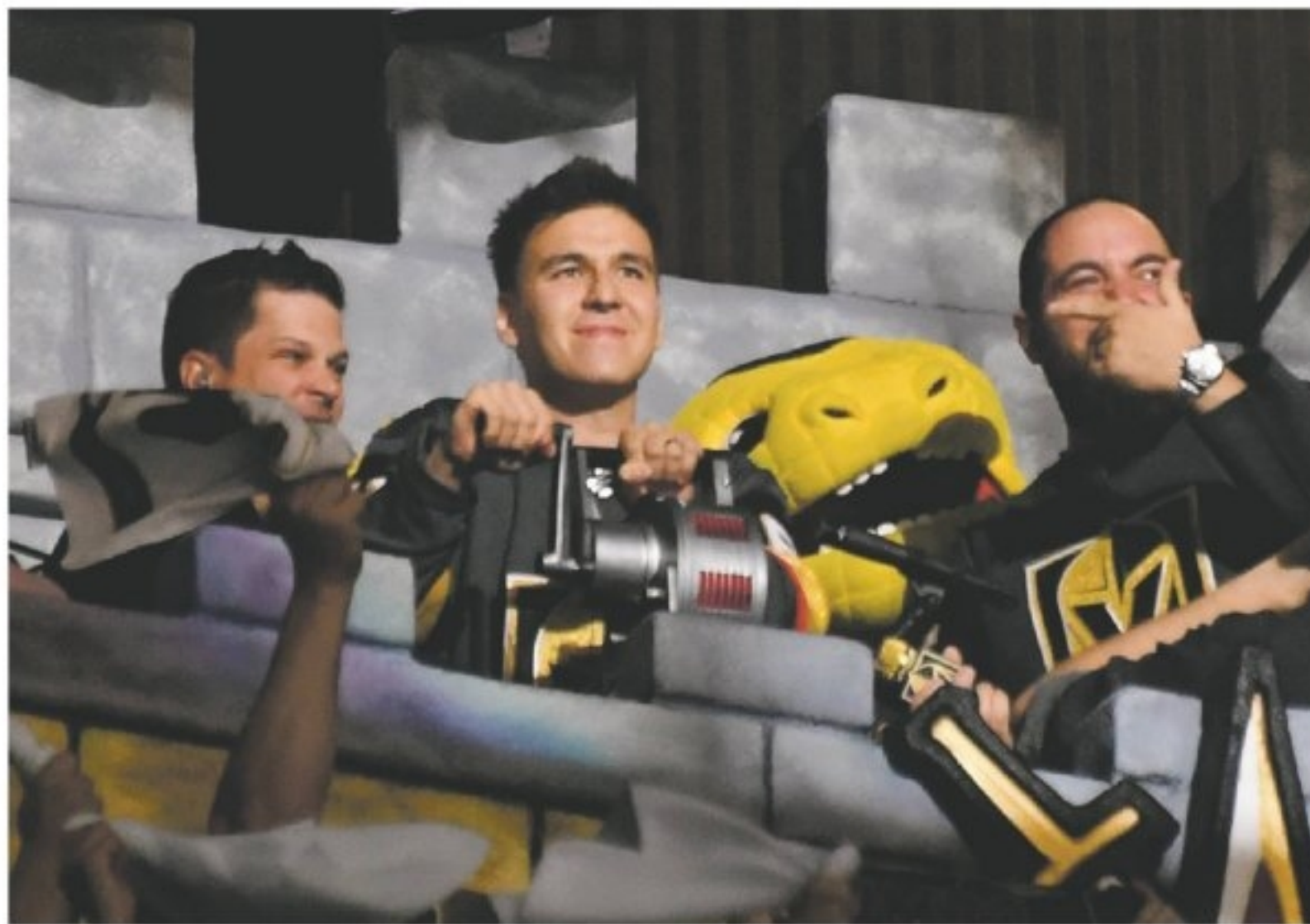
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Matt Burke is a veteran sports journalist and the Founder and Editor in Chief of MetroBet.

It is possible to prosper being a professional sports bettor. It just really helps if you happen to be a certified genius.

James Holzhauer is currently regarded as the smartest man in America as he has been dominating the competition on "Jeopardy!" since early April. After winning his 23rd straight game this week, Holzhauer has pushed his total winnings to \$1,780,237.

Holzhauer's day job is, of course, betting on sports. The Las Vegas resident has parlayed a sports bettor's mentality into his stint on "Jeopardy!", amazing other contestants and fans with outlandishly large Daily Double bets.



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That strategy has worked to great lengths as Holzhauer has the second-longest "Jeopardy!" streak of all time at 23, only behind Ken Jennings in 2004, who won 74 straight.

Holzhauer's sports betting strategy is getting some national attention as well, as Sports Illustrated

recently sat down with the 34-year-old. Here are some of the highlights from his interview with SI.

**On daily sports betting:** "The day-to-day is often spent checking odds for upcoming events. It's not like the stock exchange where you get the best price

anytime you want to buy. You have to shop around and find who's giving you the best-best odds on the team you want to bet on. That's really the bulk of the day, plus doing the trading itself and staying up to date on news, too. If there's injury news, there's very little time to react on the

market before someone else does."

**On futures betting:** "One of the things I specialize in that not many people do is the futures markets, trying to find teams that are underpriced there. Sometimes I bet so much in futures on a team that I'll end up betting

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against them when the playoffs start. It's kind of like running a long-short hedge fund. There's definitely times where I'll take one side of the game on the spread and the other on the moneyline. A big part of it is handicapping teams right, but possibly an even bigger part is knowing the math and finding the edges that exist."

**On where he has his most success:** "Halftime and in-game bets. The less time a bookmaker has to set odds, the softer the odds are going to be. At halftime he has five minutes. If every time there's a commercial break they're putting up new odds, they're going to make a mistake."

## Phillies, MLB betting previews

### Best bets

#### Phillies at Cubs

The Phillies will face a familiar foe at Wrigley Wednesday in Cole Hamels (4-0, 3.13 ERA). Hamels is off to a terrific start in 2019, but there are signs that he may regress soon. The California native has issued 17 walks in his last five outings to go with just 31 strikeouts. Several Philadelphia hitters have positive career numbers against Hamels, including outfielder Andrew McCutchen (8-for-27), shortstop Jean Segura (6-for-22), and catcher J.T. Realmuto (3-for-8). Bryce Harper's lifetime stats against Hamels are merely decent (8-for-34, one extra-base hit, eight strikeouts), but he's

trending in the right direction in recent games after his average cratered at .219 on May 14. Harper has reached base in all six efforts since then (as of Tuesday afternoon), registering two homers and six RBI.

Cole Irvin (2-0, 2.77 ERA) gets the ball for the Phillies for just the third time in his career, but he has been impressive in his first two major-league outings. The southpaw has seen minimal traffic on the bases (0.923 WHIP) through 13 innings of work. Chicago boasts one of the better offenses in the game at the moment (fourth in runs per tilt at 5.38) but this unit could be perplexed by a compe-



tent starter that they've never seen before.

**The play:** Phillies +127

#### Braves at Giants

A pair of starters that are usually on tight leashes square off at Oracle Park on Wednesday night as Max Fried (6-2, 2.86 ERA) and the Braves take on Jeff Samardzija (2-2, 3.69 ERA) and the Giants. Samardzija has gone just 13-1/3 innings in his last three outings combined, surrendering 10 earned runs on 15 hits and six walks while striking out only nine batters.

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## SPORTS



Malcolm Jenkins has been the centerpiece of the Eagles' secondary for five years. GETTY IMAGES

# Malcolm Jenkins a no-show at Eagles OTAs

The veteran safety opted to skip voluntary workouts on Tuesday.



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With the Philadelphia Eagles' OTAs beginning on Tuesday morning, it's important to stress that these early spring workouts are voluntary.

That word has lost its meaning when it comes to these scenarios though, as most NFL teams experience a near-100-percent attendance record from all corners of the roster.

It's why the absence of veteran defensive back Malcolm Jenkins, one of the leaders of the Eagles, is so puzzling.

ESPN's Adam Schefter was the first to report that three-time Pro Bowler skipped out on the first day of OTAs. It keeps up with the theme of him missing Philadelphia's offseason workout program earlier this month for the first time in his 11-year career.

While it cannot be overstated that these events are voluntary,

Jenkins' absence was "notable," according to Schefter.

"Obviously, as you guys know, I'm not going to get into any personal conversations that we've had," Eagles head coach Doug Pederson said (h/t NBC Philadelphia). "It is a voluntary program and Malcolm is one of those guys that's a leader of the football team and not concerned with him. We're going to keep our focus on the guys that are here and get better today."

Jenkins will not face actual punishment for missing team activities until June when the Eagles hold their three-day minicamp. Failure to attend would result in a \$88,630 fine, per the NFL's CBA.

If the trend continues into training camp, he could stand to lose \$40,000 per day.

Could Jenkins be hinting at something with this absence?

The 31-year-old has developed into one of the best defensive backs in the league with 11 interceptions and 418 combined tackles over his five-year stint with the Eagles.

He's also played in

98.4-percent of defensive snaps during that stretch.

And while he's nearing the end of his prime — if he's not already past it — Jenkins isn't necessarily being paid like the premier safety that he's been in the NFL.

Under contract for the next two years, he's making \$8.1 million in 2019 and \$7.6 million in 2020. Per Spotrac.com, five safeties around the league are making more than him in each of those next two years.

Could that play a factor in this early holdout? It's too early to tell. After all, it is only May.

However, this is something to keep an eye out for as we inch toward June.

At the end of the day, this is one of the core members of an Eagles team that has brought unrivaled success compared to the rest of the franchise's history.

Jenkins played a key role in delivering a Super Bowl title to Philadelphia and knows what it takes to lead a championship-caliber defense.

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# PA native Pulisic arrives at Chelsea

The USMNT star officially joined the Premier League club.



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American soccer star and Hershey, PA native Christian Pulisic arrived at Premier League powerhouse Chelsea on Tuesday for his first introduction to the English club.

Pulisic was signed from German side Borussia Dortmund during the January transfer window for \$73 million but was able to complete the 2018-19 season with the Black and Yellow.

Due to a ban from FIFA after being found guilty of transfer violations, Chelsea's signing of the 20-year-old will be their last for the next two transfer windows until January 2020.



American star winger Christian Pulisic arrived at Stamford Bridge on Tuesday to join his new club. GETTY IMAGES

While it may be a difficult season for Chelsea to bring in premier talent as they prepare for a return to the Champions League next season, the last signing is a dream come true for Pulisic.

"It's going to be an

amazing experience. To be back in England, to be able to speak English and to meet the guys. I'm thrilled," he told the club's official website. "It's one of my biggest dreams to be here and play in the Premier

League. To be a Chelsea player is a huge honor."

After a prominent youth career which began as a seven-year-old with Brackley Town in England, Pulisic was signed to Borussia Dortmund's youth squad in

2015. He made his senior debut in 2016 where he made 81 appearances for the Bundesliga side over the following three seasons, recording 10 goals.

He also made his senior debut with the United States national

team in 2016 where he's become a beacon of hope for a program that has been dragged through the mud on the international scene after failing to qualify for the 2018 World Cup.

With a new regime appointed, specifically in manager Greg Berhalter, Pulisic is leading the way for the Americans as they prepare for their 2019 Gold Cup campaign which begins next month.

At Chelsea, Pulisic will provide a talented option in the midfield to pair alongside the likes of N'Golo Kante, Mateo Kovacic, and Jorginho. The Blues are poised to suffer some sizable losses this summer with Belgian superstar Eden Hazard poised to join Real Madrid.

There are also expectations that Brazilian playmaker Willian will once again be pursued by big clubs like Barcelona.

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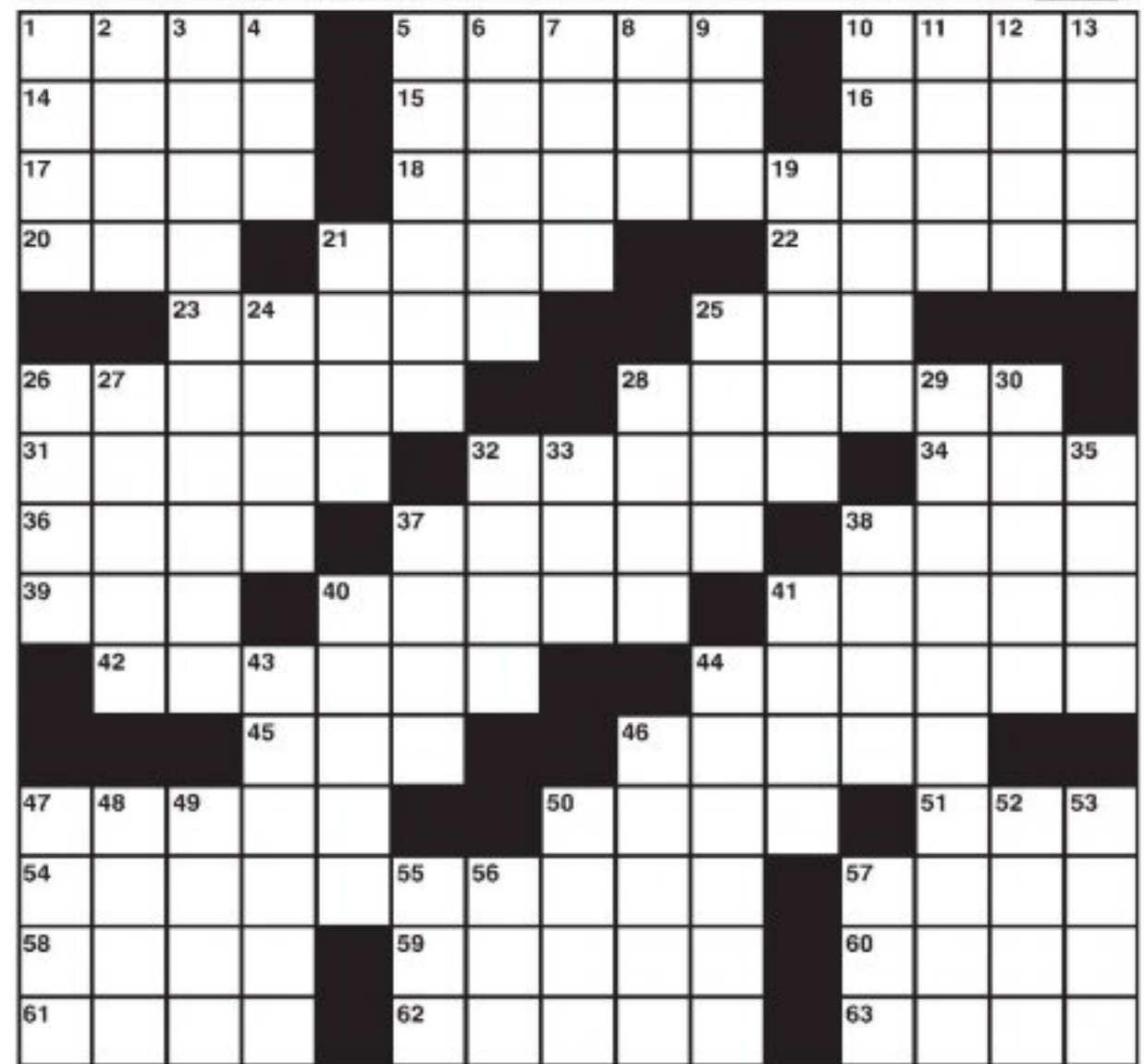
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54 Rice or Brown  
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58 Mum to Prince George  
59 Vital artery  
60 Steerer's place  
61 Stretch across  
62 Boxer Mike  
63 Probability

## DOWN

1 Excessive publicity  
2 "\_\_\_ is not to reason why..."  
3 District attorney  
4 Lisa, to Bart  
5 \_\_ Joy; candy bar  
6 Department store chain  
7 Beaver's dad  
8 As flat \_\_ pancake  
9 Trawler's item  
10 Actor Danny  
11 "Penny \_\_"; Beatles song  
12 \_\_ easy; egg orderer's request  
13 Reason to buy Com-

pound W  
19 Makes well  
21 Unrestrained  
24 Circle portions  
25 Create  
26 Puncture  
27 As straight as an \_\_  
28 Wines and dines  
29 Not connected to anything  
30 Pacific island nation  
32 Measles symptom  
33 Small number  
35 Bit of bacteria  
37 As \_\_ as a button  
38 Disgusting residue  
40 Northeastern U.S. state  
41 Orangey drink  
43 Soccer team  
44 Sprawling tree  
46 Game of chance  
47 Diving seabirds  
48 In a \_\_; instantly  
49 Pocket bread  
50 Gentlemen  
52 Daring  
53 Snead & Waterston  
55 Traitor  
56 \_\_ sauce; teriyaki marinade  
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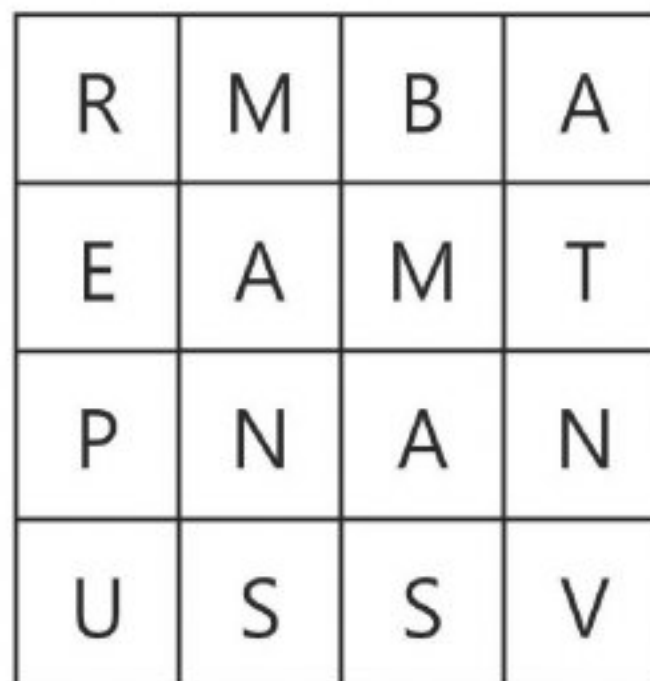
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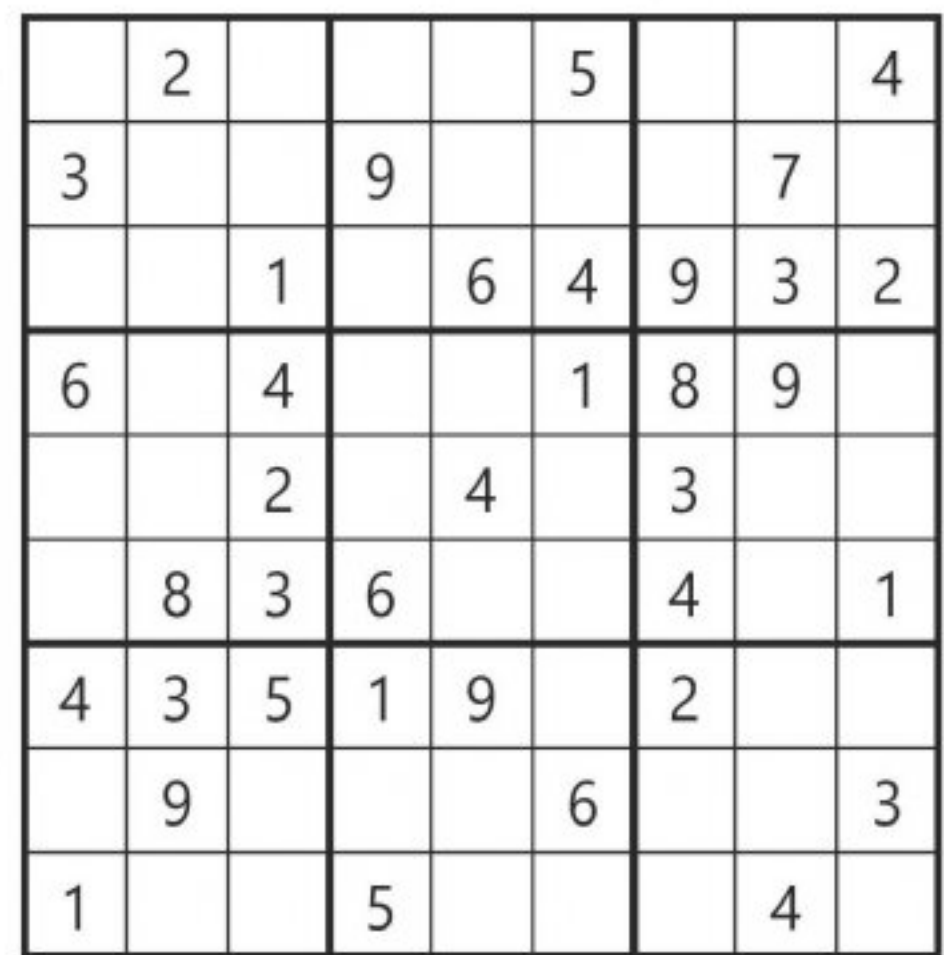
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